

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroaki Dei et al.

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Art Unit: 2482

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND  
PROGRAM FOR CONTENT ENCODING,  
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION, AND CONTENT  
RECEPTION

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Examiner: H. Kim

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on February 1, 2011, Applicants hereby elect Species VI for continued examination without traverse. Claims 154-156, 158, 162-187 and 189 read on his embodiment.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.